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TAGS: MARR, MX, OCLR

SUBJECT: HURRICANE RECONNAISSANCE

REF: MEXICO 5741, DTG 272259Z JUN 75

1. REQUEST EMBASSY SEEK REINSTATEMENT OF GOM WAIVER TO 72  
HOUR LEADTIME REQUIREMENT FOR USAF HURRICANE RECONNAISSANCE  
MISSIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JUNE - 31 DECEMBER 1976 AND  
1977. APPROVAL FOR THE 1975 SEASON WAS GRANTED IN REFTL.

2. MISSIONS FLOWN IN SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT PROVIDE  
TROPICAL METEOROLOGICAL DATA GATHERED FROM OVERWATER AREAS  
DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED STATES NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE  
AS HAVING POTENTIAL TO DEVELOP INTO ACTUAL HURRICANES. THE  
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DATA ARE USED BY MILITARY AND CIVILIAN (FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC)

AGENCIES TO PRODUCE FORECASTS THAT PREPARE MEXICAN AND UNITED STATES COMMUNITIES FOR STORM PASSAGE. AS A RESULT, PREVENTIVE MEASURES CAN BE TAKEN TO REDUCE PROPERTY DAMAGE AND THE LOSS OF LIFE IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

3. MISSIONS ARE TASKED DIRECTLY TO THE 53 WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (WRS) OR THE 920 WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE GROUP (WRG) AT KEESLER AFB, MS BY THE CHIEF, AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE COORDINATOR, ALL HURRICANES (CARCAH)

LOCATED AT THE NATIONAL HURRICANE FORECAST CENTER IN CORAL GABLES, FL. ROUTINELY, LESS THAN 24 HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE IS PROVIDED. AIRCRAFT WILL BE WC-130B/E OR H NORMALLY OPERATING FROM KEESLER AFB, MS OR HOWARD AFB, CZ. FLIGHTS WILL TRACK STORM PATHS AND MAKE STORM PENETRATIONS AT ALTITUDES OF 700 MILLIBARS OR BELOW; OVERFLIGHT OF MEXICO TO/FROM STORM AREAS, IF REQUIRED, WILL NORMALLY BE AT 24,000 FEET AND ABOVE. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED IS PASSIVE WEATHER SENSORS OWNED BY THE UNITED STATES AND INSTALLED IN THE AIRCRAFT. ROUTINE WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS IN MEXICO ARE NOT PLANNED; HOWEVER, MISSIONS OPERATING SOUTH OF THE BAJA PENINSULA MAY REQUIRE A LANDING IN MEXICO DUE TO THE DISTANCE INVOLVED FROM THE DEPARTURE POINT. IF REQUIRED, THE PRIMARY RECOVERY BASE WILL BE GENERAL JUAN N. ALVAREZ INTERNATIONAL, MMAA, ACAPULCO, MEXICO; ALTERNATE BASE WILL BE GENERAL RAFAEL BUELNA INTERNATIONAL, MMZT, MAZATLAN, MEXICO. NORMAL GROUND TIME WILL BE 15 HOURS. IF LANDING/OVERFLIGHT IS REQUIRED, THE MCCLELLAN AFB, CA OPERATIONS CENTER WILL PROVIDE MAXIMUM ADVANCE NOTIFICATION TO USDAO, MEXICO.

4. ALL PERSONNEL WILL BE USAF OFFICERS AND ENLISTED AIRCREW MEMBERS. RADIO FREQUENCIES WILL BE OBTAINED IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFM 100.31. THE PROJECT IS UNCLASSIFIED AND ALL PROJECT DATA MAY BE OBTAINED THROUGH THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. PARTICIPATION BY LOCAL OFFICIALS IS NOT ADVISABLE AS MISSIONS ARE NOT NORMALLY SCHEDULED TO LAND IN MEXICO TO EMBARK/DISEMBARK PASSENGERS. THIS PROJECT PROVIDES HURRICANE STORM

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INFORMATION SUCH AS WIND VELOCITY AND DIRECTION OF MOVEMENT TO THE MEXICAN GOVERNMENT. THE DATA, WHEN TRANSLATED INTO EARLY STORM WARNINGS TO THE MEXICAN POPULACE, REDUCES POTENTIAL PROPERTY DAMAGE AND PERSONNEL INJURY.

5. THE MAJOR CHANGES IN THIS YEAR'S REQUEST ARE THE ADDITION OF THE NEW RESERVE UNIT, 920 WEATHER RECONNAISSANCE

GROUP (WRG) AND THE DELETION OF THE 55 WEATHER  
RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON (WRS). THE 920 WRG AND THE 53  
WRS WILL PROVIDE ADVANCE NOTICE OF INTENDED MEXICAN  
OPERATIONS TO USDAO, MEXICO THROUGH THE MCCLELLAN  
OPERATIONS CENTER.

6. SHOULD THE EMBASSY DETERMINE THAT THE TIME IS NOT  
PROPITIOUS TO PRESENT A REQUEST TO THE GOM COVERING A TWO  
YEAR PERIOD THE 1976 PROPOSAL SHOULD BE PRESENTED. THIS  
WILL RESULT IN CONTINUATION OF THE PRESENT SITUATION  
REQUIRING THE YEARLY PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION OF

OF REQUESTS CONCERNING AN ONGOING AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL  
PROGRAM.  
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